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1. [redacted] the railroad artillery there had been reduced by what appeared to be 50 percent. One of the locomotives was gone and only two canvass-covered guns remained. The number of residential cars that stood in the woods behind the battery had been reduced by half.¹
2. North of the artillery battery in the woods there was a wooden tower about 15 meters high with a little house on top. It appeared to be of new construction. There was an object on a stand about 1 1/2 meters high on the platform on this tower. The object was placed horizontally and was about two meters long. It appeared to be a range finder. Somewhat west of the tower, toward the water, was a structure which was partly hidden by trees. Heavy cables stretched from this structure to the tower.
3. At the Paul Lindenau Shipyard there were several round gun platforms of the type used on merchantmen in war time. They were all red-leaded.
4. On 17 July 1955, there were no naval vessels in Klaipeda harbor.
5. On 17 July, there were no railroad guns on the tracks on the ballast quay. There was a single empty car and three guns stood on the ground. There were no guards in the vicinity.²
6. In the city, a couple of blocks from the harbor gate there was a large building site. A local inhabitant stated that a new group of barracks was to be built there. Work was in progress on the foundations and building materials were on hand, ready for use.
7. There were no useable quays on the right bank of the river. The water there was low. A ferry, carrying people clad in bathing suits, crossed often. The last one returned at nightfall.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment: The reduction of the railroad battery must have taken place recently [REDACTED] presence in its former strength as late as June 1955.

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